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# VOTERS GUIDE

LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES

## ELECTION 2012

**TUESDAY, NOV. 6**  
**POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-8 P.M.**

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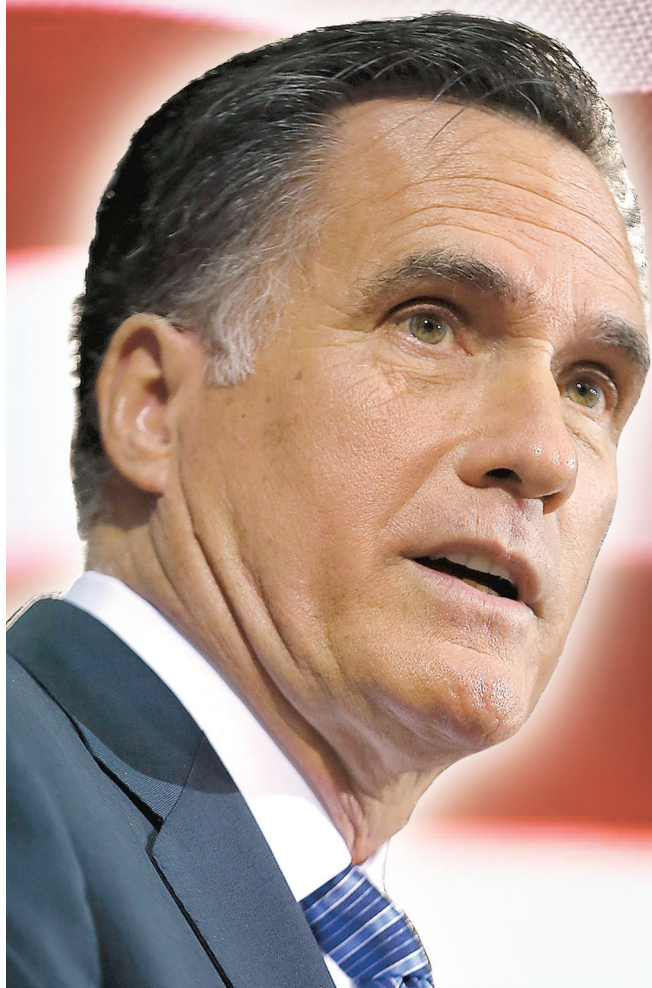
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## U.S. PRESIDENT

**Duties:** The President is the head of state of the United States of America and is the Chief Executive Officer and Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are described in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations, and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

**How elected:** Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday in November of years divisible by the number four. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run statewide primary elections. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for President. The degree to which the result of the primary election influences the votes of delegates at con-

ventions varies from state to state.

**Term:** 4 years. Limit of two terms.

**Base salary:** \$400,000 per year.

**Note:** The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and, the candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website.

Presidential candidate information below provided by the candidates to Vote411.org.

Vote for one

**Republican**

### MITT ROMNEY

**Personal statement:** I am running for president because I believe in America and know that our best days are still ahead. I will make it my priority to create 12 million new jobs and get our economy going again.

[www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com)

**Email:** [info@mittromney.com](mailto:info@mittromney.com)

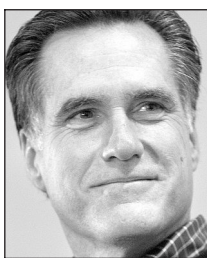
**Campaign phone:** 857-288-3500

**Address:** Mitt Romney for President  
P.O. Box 149756

Boston MA 02114-9756

**Please identify your top three goals if elected.**

**Mitt Romney:** The first priority of a Romney Administration will be to create 12 million new jobs and get our economy going again. We must get our fiscal house in order. President Obama has put our nation on an unsustainable course. As president, Mitt Romney will set the country on the path to a balanced budget. And he will ensure we have a military so strong



Romney



Obama

that no adversary would want to test it.

**In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?**

**Mitt Romney:** Mitt Romney will get America back to work by reforming our tax code so businesses can hire more workers, developing our domestic energy resources to create new jobs here at home, reversing burdensome job-destroying regulations—including Obamacare, and ensuring Americans receive education and training for today's jobs. His plan will also get spending under control to prevent a debt crisis.

**How can the federal government, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?**

**Mitt Romney:** Mitt Romney believes that this important goal begins with providing parents with increased choice and information. He has put forth a plan that would allow federal funding to follow low-income and special needs students to the school of their choice. This plan also would support high quality charter schools in scaling up and reward states that recruit and retain the best teachers.

**Please explain why you do or do not support cutting Medicare and Social Security to address the federal deficit.**

**Mitt Romney:** Entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare are large parts of the federal budget. Mitt Romney's plan to reform these programs will not only protect the benefits and services of current seniors and those nearing retirement, but will strengthen the programs so they are available for future generations.

**Please explain why you do or do not support requiring timely and full disclosure of all political expenditures in federal campaigns.**

**Mitt Romney:** Mitt Romney understands that money can be a corrupting influence in politics. But layers of regulations have not taken money out of politics; they have instead created a system of PACs that are not accountable to the candidates they support. He believes the best solution is swift and full disclosure of all donations to candidates. This allows the American people to hold politicians accountable.

**Please explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards in America.**

**Mitt Romney:** Mitt Romney is proud of the environmental progress that we have made to improve our nation's air and water quality and supports continued progress. However, while our air and water laws have served us well over the years, he recognizes that they are significantly out of date and in need of reform.

**Democrat**

### BARACK OBAMA

[www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

**Campaign phone:** 312- 698-3670

**Address:** Obama for America

P.O. Box 803638

Chicago, IL, 60680

**Please identify your top three goals if elected.**

**Barack Obama:** As a nation, our challenges can be met by rebuilding the middle class and our economy on a stronger foundation. I have laid out a set of concrete goals on manufacturing, energy, education, national security, and the deficit that will create jobs, expand opportunity, and create an economy built to last.

**In this time of high unemployment,**

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## VOTER INFORMATION

### FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact your county Board of Elections. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center also provides election information. Call toll free: 1-800-692-7281 or go to [www.SmartVoter.org](http://www.SmartVoter.org)

### ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012. Completed absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. If

an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult their county Board of Elections.

### WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place.

### ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place

should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

### IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTERS

The PA Courts have delayed full imple-

mentation of the voter ID law until after the Nov. 6 election. Poll workers will still ask voters for a photo ID under the former first-time voter's law, but no voter will be prohibited from voting if they don't have one.

### ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Homepage: [www.palww.org](http://www.palww.org).

### CERTIFICATION NOTE

As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of candidates listed below is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Elections unofficial ballot.

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## what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?

**Barack Obama:** When I took office we were losing private sector jobs at a rate of nearly 800,000 a month. Now we have experienced 30 straight months of private-sector job growth, creating 4.6 million private sector jobs. I have proposed steps to create a million more jobs by preventing teacher layoffs, putting construction workers back to work, bringing jobs back from overseas, and helping small businesses grow.

## How can the federal government, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

**Barack Obama:** My administration spurred 46 states to raise standards for teaching and learning and strengthened Head Start. Millions of students are paying less for college because we cut student loan subsidies for banks and doubled scholarships. We will recruit 100,000 math and science teachers, train 2 million workers for real jobs through community colleges, and cut the growth of tuition in half.

## Please explain why you do or do not support cutting Medicare and Social Security to address the federal deficit.

**Barack Obama:** Social Security and Medicare are sacred compacts with seniors who earned benefits after a lifetime of hard work. I added eight years to the solvency of Medicare without cutting benefits by cracking down on waste, fraud, and subsidies to insurance companies. I have proposed steps to strengthen Medicare and Social Security without slashing benefits or subjecting it to the whims of the stock market.

## Please explain why you do or do not support requiring timely and full disclosure of all political expenditures in federal campaigns.

**Barack Obama:** Powerful special interests should not drown out the voices of the American people. We need to pass the bipartisan Disclose Act that would establish the toughest-ever disclosure requirements for election-related spending. I also support campaign finance reform, by constitutional amendment if necessary.

## Please explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards in America.

**Barack Obama:** Nothing is more important than ensuring the air we breathe and the water we drink is safe. We have broken decades of gridlock to double fuel mileage standards, effectively cutting your cost at the pump in half and reducing air pollution. And we've set standards for

new mercury and other toxic air emissions from power plants and other sources that combined will save up to 21,600 lives a year.

## Green Party

### JILL STEIN

#### Personal statement:

We can't afford four more years of Wall Street bailouts and an economy for the super-rich. We must guarantee every individual a job at a living wage, quality health care, tuition-free education, Social Security and a healthy climate and environment.

[www.jillstein.org](http://www.jillstein.org)

**Email:** HQ@JillStein.org

**Address:** PO Box 260217  
Madison, WI 53726-0217

#### Please identify your top three goals if elected.

**Jill Stein:** I stand for a Green New Deal that will deliver 1) A recession-proof economy that provides a job at a living wage for every American willing and able to work, 2) An economy based on clean, renewable energy, 3) Replacement of the predatory Wall Street banks with a public interest banking system, and 4) A real democracy in which politicians are accountable to voters not big money donors.

## In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?

**Jill Stein:** My Green New Deal will create 25 million jobs through a nationally funded but locally controlled direct employment initiative. This will eliminate long term unemployment by letting workers simply go to the local employment office and get a job. It will deliver the most effective stimulus of all: millions of workers with paychecks.

## How can the federal government, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

**Jill Stein:** I will end Washington's attempts to promote high stakes testing, corporatization of public schools, and destructive union-busting schemes. I will repeal the misguided No Child and Race to the Top laws and refocus on creating schools that prepare students for lifetime learning: full funding, small class sizes, teachers that are well trained, respected, and compensated, and parental involvement.

## Please explain why you do or do not support cutting Medicare and Social Security to address the federal deficit.

**Jill Stein:** Neither Medicare nor Social Security will be cut under the Green New Deal. I will guarantee health care for every-



Stein



Johnson

one under a Medicare for All reform that will save trillions by streamlining the massive, wasteful, health insurance bureaucracy and ending runaway medical inflation. I will make Social Security permanently solvent by lifting the income cap on the payroll taxes.

## Please explain why you do or do not support requiring timely and full disclosure of all political expenditures in federal campaigns.

**Jill Stein:** I support full disclosure of donor identities. But we must do more to eliminate the poisonous impact of big money on our democracy. We must amend our Constitution to prevent corporations from stealing our democratic rights by claiming the same rights as real people. We also need to end the buying of elections by providing clean money funding for candidates that agree to spending limits.

## Please explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards in America.

**Jill Stein:** We cannot afford the health injuries, natural resource losses, and ecological disintegration that result from lax EPA enforcement. I will require EPA to address new threats to our air, land, water, and climate from hydrofracking, deep-water drilling and more. EPA must fully implement the ozone standards that were killed by the Obama Administration.

## Libertarian

### GARY JOHNSON

**Personal statement:** After having built a successful business, I entered public service by asking the people of New Mexico to give me an opportunity to bring common sense leadership to the Office of Governor. I pledged to reduce taxes, reduce the size of state government.

[www.garyjohnson2012.com](http://www.garyjohnson2012.com)

**Email:** mail@garyjohnson2012.com

**Campaign phone:** 801-303-7922

**Address:** 731 E. South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

#### Please identify your top three goals if elected.

**Gary Johnson:**

1. Balance the Federal Budget.
2. Cut Federal spending by the amount necessary to eliminate deficit spending without raising taxes.
3. Remove the United States from unnecessary and costly foreign wars and interventions, including Afghanistan.

## In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things

## that should be done to improve our nation's economy?

**Gary Johnson:** The Federal Budget must be brought under control to eliminate the massive deficits that are threatening the economy and our security. Removing the burden of deficits and debt will restore confidence and free up capital to permit the economy to grow.

I advocate a consumption tax which would allow us to eliminate taxes on income, capital gains and businesses — creating millions of new jobs.

## How can the federal government, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

**Gary Johnson:** The Federal government cannot and should not try to provide public education. Decades of increasing federal interference in education has done little other than stifle innovation and competition in public education. Education should be left to the states, which will permit the types of innovation and education choices that will allow us to regain its competitive advantage in global education.

## Please explain why you do or do not support cutting Medicare and Social Security to address the federal deficit.

**Gary Johnson:** It is not possible to preserve health care programs for future generations, while bringing federal spending under control and not reducing Medicare. Not addressing Medicare and Medicaid spending will result in an insolvent system. Under a program of block grants, the states can fashion their own health care programs for those who need assistance, more effectively than the Federal government.

## Please explain why you do or do not support requiring timely and full disclosure of all political expenditures in federal campaigns.

**Gary Johnson:** Full and immediate disclosure and transparency for campaign contributions and expenditures is the only effective way to give the American public confidence in the system and allow them to make their own decisions regarding the propriety of how one candidate or another finances his or her campaigns.

## Please explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards in America.

**Gary Johnson:** The Federal government's most fundamental role is to protect citizens. To the extent that fulfilling that role requires enforcement actions by the EPA, that enforcement should be reasonable, but adequate to protect us from harm. The EPA, however, should not be in the business of managing the environment through regulations that force decisions

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that should be left to the marketplace, such as energy.

## U.S. SENATOR

### Job description:

The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two Senators from each State (therefore, the Senate currently has 100 members) and that a Senator must be at least 30 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the State from which he or she is chosen. A Senator's term of office is six years and approximately one-third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years.

The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including consenting to treaties, a precondition to their ratification consenting or confirming appointments of Cabinet secretaries, other federal executive officials, military officers, regulatory officials, ambassadors, and other federal uniformed officers, as well as trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

**Term:** 6 years

**Salary:** \$174,000

**Candidates were asked:** "What would you do to improve protection and enforcement of our land, air, and water quality laws?"

Vote for one

**Republican**

### TOM SMITH

Plumcreek Township, Armstrong County  
No response

**Democrat**

### BOB CASEY JR.

Scranton, Lackawanna County  
No response

**Libertarian**

### RAYBURN SMITH

No response

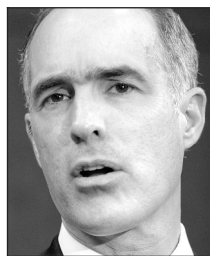
## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Job Description

Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. It is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives. Representatives are elected by district. Term: 2 years



Tom Smith



Casey



Dent



Daugherty



Cummings



Cartwright

Salary: \$174,000

## 15TH DISTRICT

All of **Lehigh County**. Part of **Northampton County**: City of Bethlehem (Northampton County Portion, Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 and part of Ward 17); townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Nazareth, Lower Saucon, Moore, Plainfield (Belfast, Kesslerville and Plainfield Church districts), Upper Nazareth (West District) and Williams; boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Hellertown, North Catasauqua, Northampton and Walnutport. Parts of Berks, Dauphin and Lebanon counties. Part of Berks County: townships of Albany, Bethel, Centre, Greenwich, Hereford (part, District 1), Jefferson, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Perry, Tilden, Tulpehocken, Upper Bern, Upper Tulpehocken and Windsor; boroughs of Centerport, Hamburg, Kutztown, Lenhartsville, Lyons, Shoemakersville, Strausstown and Topton. Parts of Dauphin and Lebanon counties.

**Candidates were asked:** "In your opinion, what are the three most important challenges facing our nation, and how do you propose to address them?"

Vote for one

**Republican**

### CHARLES W. DENT

Allentown  
[http:// dentforcongress.com](http://dentforcongress.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**EDUCATION:** 1982, B.S., Pennsylvania State University; 1993, M.P.A., Lehigh University.

**OCCUPATION:** U.S. representative, PA-15th.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** State representative, 8 years; state Senate, 6 years; U.S. Congress, 7 years. Member, House Committee on Appropriations and House Ethics Committee. Chamber of Commerce "Spirit of Enterprise Award" for the 109th and 110th Congresses.

**RESPONSE:** 1.) Growing the economy 2.) Creating jobs 3.) Developing American energy. We can spur job creation and economic growth by reducing uncertainty through stopping the impending tax rate increases, by curbing excessive regulations on small businesses, and opening markets for American manufacturers and

farmers. America's economy is an engine that runs on affordable energy. We need to increase domestic energy production, and embrace a diverse, "all of the above" energy strategy.

**Democrat**

### RICHARD DAVID DAUGHERTY

Lowhill Township  
[www.daughertyforcongress.com](http://www.daughertyforcongress.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**EDUCATION:** Catasauqua Area High School, 1978; B.A., Moravian College, 1982. **OCCUPATION:** Executive director, Lehigh County Senior Center.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** District administrator for former congressman Paul McHale.

**RESPONSE:** We need good jobs that pay well. Congress passed free trade agreements that wrecked our economy by sending jobs overseas. I oppose unfair trade policies. I support increasing tariffs on imports to bring manufacturing jobs back to America. Senior citizens are struggling and need help. Keep Medicare the way it is. Do not tax Social Security benefits for seniors who work. Eliminate the Social Security payroll tax cap. Provide a Social Security COLA every year. Too much military spending goes to defending other nations. We cannot be the "policeman of the world". Defend America first.

## 17TH DISTRICT

In **Northampton County**: Cities of Bethlehem (Northern County portion) Ward 17 all except blocks 1026, 1123, 2018 and 2055 of tract 11300, and Easton. Townships of Bethlehem, Forks, Lower Mt. Bethel, Palmer, Plainfield District Delabole, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth District East, and Washington; Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Freemansburg, Glendon, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, Wilson and Wind Gap. Parts of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Monroe and all of Schuylkill county.

**Candidates were asked:** What would you do to improve protection and enforcement of Pennsylvania's land, air and water quality laws?

Vote for one

**Republican**

### LAUREEN A. CUMMINGS

No response

**Democrat**

### MATTHEW A. CARTWRIGHT

Moosic  
[www.CartwrightCongress.com](http://www.CartwrightCongress.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1961

**EDUCATION:** 1986, University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D.; 1983, Hamilton College, A.B., History.

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney; Munley, Munley and Cartwright, Scranton.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Board member, NEPA Council of Boy Scouts of America; Silver Beaver Award Recipient from Boy Scouts of America, 2010; district governor, Rotary International (District 7410, NEPA), 2001-02.

**RESPONSE:** My first environmental priority will be to eliminate the Halliburton Loophole, which allows gas companies they are pumping into our groundwater. The 17th District is surrounded by natural gas wells and because of the numerous rivers that flow through Pennsylvania all of our citizens are in harm's way. If elected, I will strongly fight to end such exemptions and will do so loudly throughout the district and Pennsylvania.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Duties:** The basic duties of the attorney general, as outlined by the Commonwealth Attorneys Act are to: serve as the Commonwealth's chief law enforcement officer; collect all debts, taxes, and account due to the Commonwealth; represent the Commonwealth and all agencies in any action brought by or against the Commonwealth; administer the provision relating to consumer protection laws; represent the Commonwealth and its citizens in any action brought about for violation of the antitrust laws.

**Term:** 4 Years

**Salary:** \$152,443 per year

**Candidates were asked:** "If elected, what do you believe to be your most important priority in this office and how will

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you pursue it?"

Vote for one

**Republican**

## DAVID FREED

Camp Hill Borough, Cumberland County  
www.DavidFreedforAG.com

**D.O.B.:** 1970

**EDUCATION:** 1992, Washington and Lee University, B.A., 1995, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law.

**OCCUPATION:** Cumberland County District Attorney.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Cumberland County District Attorney, 2005-Present; Cumberland County First District Attorney, 2001-2005; Cumberland County Assistant District Attorney, 1998-2000; York County Deputy Prosecutor, 1997-1998; Executive Committee Member of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

**RESPONSE:** The safety of our citizens. I am the only candidate running for Attorney General with the proven ability and extensive experience necessary to protect Pennsylvania families, seniors, children, and small business owners from crime and corruption. I have handled thousands of cases during my time as a prosecutor, private practice attorney and District Attorney. I am confident that I'll bring the principled leadership and integrity expected of Pennsylvania's chief law enforcement officer to the office.

**Democrat**

## KATHLEEN KANE

Waverly Township, Lackawanna County  
No response received

**Libertarian**

## MARAKAY ROGERS

York City, York County  
No response received

## AUDITOR GENERAL

**Job Description:** The principal role of the auditor general is to determine whether state funds are being used in accordance with the purpose and guidelines that govern each use of the Commonwealth's dollars. The auditor general conducts financial and performance audits of individuals, state agencies, and organizations that receive state funds, including school districts, state liquor stores, and public employee pensions. These audits are designed to measure how effectively government programs are using public money to meet their stated goals and objectives. The office performs more than 6,000 audits each year, and is responsible for auditing all federal funds that are allocated to Pennsylvania state programs



Kane



Freed

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$152,443

**Candidates were asked:** "If elected, what do you believe to be your most important priority in this office and how will you pursue it?"

Vote for one

**Republican**

## JOHN MAHER

Upper St. Clair, Allegheny County

**D.O.B.:** 1958

**EDUCATION:** Duke University, A.B., magna cum laude; Oxford University, scholarship studies; Australian Graduate School of Management, fellowship studies.

**OCCUPATION:** CPA/Legislator.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Three decades of real world experience as a CPA and business builder. Legislator known for fiscal conservatism, fighting waste and improving government accountability including open records and lobbying reforms.

**RESPONSE:** Pennsylvanians deserve to have an auditor general who actually knows how to audit. I am a CPA expert in government accounting and auditing. I have co-authored a textbook about government auditing and taught government auditing to audiences drawn from Pennsylvania and across the world. As the accountant for accountability, I've passed laws to increase sunlight — opening government records to the public and forcing lobbyist disclosures. As auditor general, I will find and fight waste.

**Democrat**

## EUGENE DePASQUALE

West Manchester, York County

**D.O.B.:** 1971

**EDUCATION:** 1993, College of Wooster, B.A. 1997, Masters in Public Administration, University of Pittsburgh; 2002, J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

**OCCUPATION:** Pennsylvania State Representative, 95th District (York).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** State Representative, 2007-present; Deputy Secretary PA Department of Environmental Protection (2003-2006); Director of Economic De-



Rogers

velopment, City of York (2002-2003).

**RESPONSE:** I will order a performance audit of water protection programs to ensure our drinking water is safe. I will also work for middle-class Pennsylvanians, protecting educa-

tion, job-creation programs, and public safety. I will order audits that identify any wasteful and inefficient spending to save taxpayer money and enable reinvestment in critical programs.

**Libertarian Party**

## BETSY SUMMERS

Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County

No response received

## STATE TREASURER

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$120 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs in order to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by commonwealth agencies; maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the department: serves as Chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; sets interest rates paid on commonwealth deposits; hears and decides state tax appeals.

**Term:** 4 Years

**Salary:** \$152,443

**Candidates were asked:** "If elected, what do you believe to be your most important priority in this office and how will you pursue it?"

Vote for one

**Republican**

## DIANA IREY VAUGHAN

Nottingham Township, Washington County

www.friendswithdiana.com

**D.O.B.:** 1962

**EDUCATION:** 1981, West Virginia Business College; business, accounting and legal studies coursework at Fairmont State College and California University of Pennsylvania.

**OCCUPATION:** Washington County Com-

missioner, fifth term, managing 52 departments and nearly 1,000 employees and overseeing county-owned nursing home, airport, parks, and bridges.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** County Commissioner, 16 years, led long-range planning resulting in job growth; Member of Washington County Pension Board, managing pension funds of employees and retirees; Member of Washington County Prison Board, overseeing operations of correctional facility which maintains lowest cost per day per inmate in the state.

**RESPONSE:** As Commissioner, I fought for fiscal responsibility and good government, balancing seven consecutive budgets with no tax increase, keeping taxes low, and putting inmates to work in our community. I provided stewardship for pension funds and formed a strict investment policy statement, with a conservative approach, that met or exceeded industry benchmarks over the past 16 years. I will bring the same discipline and fiscal restraint to serve Pennsylvania.

**Democrat**

## ROBERT McCORD

Lower Merion, Montgomery County  
www.robmccord.com

**D.O.B.:** 1959

**EDUCATION:** 1982, Harvard, History & Economics; 1989, Wharton School of Business, M.B.A.

**OCCUPATION:** Pennsylvania State Treasurer.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current Pennsylvania State Treasurer, 2008-Present; CEO/Chairman and Co-Founder of the Eastern Technology Council; Co-Founder and Managing Director of PA Early Stage Partners; Senior Executive at Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.

**RESPONSE:** I will continue to use my business experience to protect taxpayers and invest wisely on their behalf. I won't allow the office to be distracted by political games of special interest agendas. I will build on our record of success over the last three years and stay focused on creating good jobs and strong public income from investments while making government more accountable and transparent and working collaboratively to find innovative solutions to economic challenges.

**Libertarian**

## PATRICIA FRYMAN

No response

## STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Job Description

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is the legislative branch of the state government. It is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representa-

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tives. A majority vote of both houses is required to pass a law.

**Candidates were asked:** In your opinion, what are the three most important challenges facing our state and how do you propose to address them?

## STATE SENATOR

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$82,026

### 29th DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County:** Borough of Slatington; Townships of Heidelberg, Lynn, Washington. In Northampton County: Borough of Walnutport; Lehigh Township; Parts of Berks, Carbon and Monroe Counties. All of Schuylkill County.

Vote for one

#### REPUBLICAN

#### DAVID G. ARGALL

Tamaqua

**D.O.B.:** 1958

**EDUCATION:** 1980, Lycoming College, B.A.; 1993, Penn State, M.A.; 2006, Penn State, Ph.D.

**OCCUPATION:** State senator; part-time instructor in public policy for Penn State

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 2004 President's Award, PA Economic Development Association; 2001 Conservation Legislator of the Year.

**RESPONSE:** Jobs: We must improve our economic climate by reducing wasteful government spending, reducing taxes and encouraging existing and new job creators here in Pennsylvania. Property taxes: I have sponsored legislation — at the request of local taxpayers — to eliminate unfair and archaic school district property taxes; this change is long overdue. Welfare reform: I support drug and asset testing of our welfare recipients to ensure that those who receive taxpayer-funded aid are truly in need.

Democrat

#### TIM SEIP

Washington Township  
www.seipforsenate.com

**EDUCATION:** Pottsville Area High School, 1987; Mansfield University, B.A., 1991; Marywood University, M.S.W., 2002.

**OCCUPATION:** Kutztown University, full-time faculty member; licensed social worker.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Pennsylvania House member (2007-2010) representing portions of Berks and Schuylkill counties; 2009 State Social Worker of the Year — NASW-PA; 20 years' human services work and social work practice.

**RESPONSE:** Government reform, cam-



Argall



Seip

paign finance limits and ending midnight pay raises, needs to pass. Marcellus shale was miserably mishandled. Enact the bill that Mr. Argall opposed in 2009 and 2010. It proposed \$750 million for Marcellus oversight, offsetting the state's pension deficit, properly funding public education, fixing roads and bridges and saving jobs. It would have also prevented school property tax increases. School property tax on primary homes should be eliminated with my SMART Plan.

## STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$82,026

**Candidates were asked:** "In your opinion, what are the three most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?"

### 131ST DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County:** City of Allentown wards 12, 14 (division 1), 16, 19; Borough of Coopersburg; Townships of Lower Milford, Salisbury wards 2, 3, 4, Upper Milford (Western District), Upper Saucon. In Northampton County: Lower Saucon Township (Seidersville District).

Vote for one

#### REPUBLICAN

#### JUSTIN J. SIMMONS

No response

Democrat

#### KEVIN T. DEELEY JR.

Upper Saucon Township  
www.Kevindeelypa.com

**D.O.B.:** 1976

**EDUCATION:** B.A., theater, Bloomsburg, 1998; B.S., education, Bloomsburg, 2002.

**OCCUPATION:** High school English teacher, 10th grade American literature.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Public school teacher, 12 years; board member, TeenWorks; founding member, Lehigh Valley Anti-Gang Initiative.

**RESPONSE:** Education: Restore funding for early childhood education and pre-K. Expand access to high education and

technical training. Job creation: Put aside partisan ideology to focus on bringing good jobs back. Ensure job-training resources are available. Fight for the middle class and small business. Reduce red tape on small business. Eliminate unfair tax breaks for special interest groups. Reduce taxes for middle-class families and small business.

### 132ND DISTRICT

City of Allentown wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18.

Vote for one

#### REPUBLICAN

No candidate

#### DEMOCRAT

#### MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG

Allentown

www.voteschlossberg.com

**D.O.B.:** 1983

**EDUCATION:** B.A., political science and psychology, Muhlenberg College, 2001; M.A., political science, Lehigh University, 2005

**OCCUPATION:** Vice president, Member Relations & Applied Technology, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce; Allentown city councilman

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former aide to Rep. Mann and County Executive Cunningham; state-certified urban revitalization specialist

**RESPONSE:** Creating jobs, improving education and rebuilding our roads and bridges. For jobs, we should create job creation tax credits, enhance funding to programs that train and employ our workforce and reduce taxes on businesses. For education, we must increase funding, particularly distressed districts like Allentown. We should also look to reduce property taxes via tax system reform. For transportation, we have to look at enacting major funding reforms, increasing private-public partnerships and strengthening mass transit.

### 133RD DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County:** City of Allentown, wards 6, 14 (division 2), 15 (division 1); City of Bethlehem wards 10, 11, 12 (division 1), 13 (division 2); Boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Fountain Hill; Townships of Hanover, Salisbury ward 1, Whitehall Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9. In **Northampton County:** City of Bethlehem wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Vote for one

#### REPUBLICAN

#### DAVID MOLONY

Catasauqua

www.friendofdave.com

**D.O.B.:** 1953

**EDUCATION:** William Allen High School, 1971; San Francisco College of Traditional Chinese Medicine; Nanjing, PRC, College of TCM; North American Academy

**OCCUPATION:** Oriental medicine practitioner.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catasauqua Civil Service. State, National and International OM Associations, vice president; chair, legislative committees of state and national organizations. Passed three bills through PA Legislature.

**RESPONSE:** Non-Federal problems facing Pennsylvania are property taxes, the state employee retirement system, and a sustainable energy policy. We must dramatically change how we presently fund our schools with their ever-rising pension liabilities by ending school property taxes and then realistically finding a new way to deal with our pension crisis statewide. Also, Pennsylvania needs to become the leader in low head hydroelectric power generation, developing new jobs as well as community-based sustainable affordable energy.

Democrat

#### DANIEL MCNEILL

Whitehall Township

http://www.mcneillforpa.com

**D.O.B.:** 1947

**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Louis E. Dieruff High School, 1965; Pennsylvania National Guard, 1966-1972.

**OCCUPATION:** Special projects manager, Lehigh County.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Laborer/business agent, Iron Workers Union Local #36, 38 years; vice president, Lehigh Valley Building Trades, 7 years; Whitehall Township commissioner, 6 years; Whitehall Township executive, 2 years.

**RESPONSE:** I believe the three most important challenges facing our state are: sustainable job creation, education and fiscal responsibility. I believe that we need a balanced approach to addressing these issues, one that focuses on investing and maximizing returns for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. Working with current elected officials, district residents and businesspeople, I have developed a five-point plan for a Better Pennsylvania that does exactly that. I will work with my colleagues at the state and federal level to make this vision a reality.

### 134TH DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County:** Boroughs of Alburtis, Emmaus, Macungie; Townships of Lower Macungie, Salisbury ward 5, South Whitehall (district 3, 4, 5), Upper Macungie (district 4), Upper Milford (Eastern District). Parts of Berks County.

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Vote for one

**Republican**

## RYAN E. MACKENZIE

South Whitehall Township

www.RyanForPA.com

**D.O.B.:** 1982

**EDUCATION:** Graduate, local public schools; dual degree, finance and international business, New York University; master of business administration, Harvard University.

**OCCUPATION:** State representative, 134th District.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current state representative. Former director of policy for PA Department of Labor & Industry; helped craft legislation saving taxpayers \$120 million a year. Former licensed real estate salesperson.

**RESPONSE:** Jobs and economic growth; continued fiscal discipline to protect taxpayers; and focusing spending on priorities like education. These are the concerns I have heard about from the over 10,000 residents I have met. As Representative, I am working to make Pennsylvania an easier place for businesses to settle or grow/create jobs; I support common sense spending reductions that provide savings to combine with other state funds to provide more for education and job creation.

**Democrat**

## JOHN REYNARD

No response

## 135TH DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County:** City of Allentown ward 15 (divisions 2, 3, 4); City of Bethlehem wards 12 (division 2), 13 (divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8). In **Northampton County:** City of Bethlehem wards 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17; Bethlehem Township ward 2.

Vote for one

**Republican**

## KENNETH R. BARRETO

Bethlehem

www.barreto4staterep.com

**D.O.B.:** 1984

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in business administration, Colorado Technical University, 2011.

**OCCUPATION:** Corrections officer.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** U.S. veteran, served my country in the U.S. Army for a total of four years, deployed two times to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I'm a hard worker, dedicated to improving the lives of those citizens within my community.

**RESPONSE:** Jobs, I think the state needs

to allocate more resources to job creators such as small business owners and entrepreneurs. This will help to stimulate our economy and create jobs in Pennsylvania. Concerned with their careers, many career politicians have lost that connection with voters, and have moved now to satisfy the agendas of special interest groups. I think we need new people in office whose main priority is to help improve the lives of everyday Pennsylvanians. Due to recent budget cuts, I would want to see increased funding in our educational system since the recent budget cuts have caused a financial hardship on our school districts.

**Democrat**

## STEVE SAMUELSON

Bethlehem

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**EDUCATION:** 1978, Liberty High School; 1986, Lehigh University, B.A., government.

**OCCUPATION:** State legislator.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a hands-on legislator with a long record of service to our community, and I am a consistent advocate for reform in Harrisburg.

**RESPONSE:** An educated workforce is the key to Pennsylvania's future. We must reverse the devastating cuts to education that have occurred in the last two years under Governor Corbett. Investments in K-12 and higher education provide long-term benefits to our state. Transportation needs must be addressed to ensure safe travel and to provide economic opportunities. And Pennsylvania must maintain our commitments to protect environmental resources for present and future generations.

## 136th DISTRICT

In **Northampton County:** City of Easton; Boroughs of Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, and West Easton, Wilson; Townships of Bethlehem wards 3, 4 (district 1), Lower Saucon (Hellertown, Leithsville, Lower Saucon, Shimersville and Wassergass districts) and Williams.

Vote for one

**Republican**

No candidate

**Democrat**

## ROBERT FREEMAN

Easton

**D.O.B.:** 1956

**EDUCATION:** 1975, Easton Area High School; 1978, Moravian College, B.A., history and political science, magna cum laude; 1984, Lehigh University, M.A., history.

**OCCUPATION:** Legislator.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** State representative, 1982-1994, 1998-present; Democratic

chairman, House Local Government Committee; authored Elm Street law to revitalize older neighborhoods; expertise in smart growth policies to preserve farmland and revitalize older communities.

**RESPONSE:** Restore funding for Education Accountability Block Grants to provide flexibility to improve academic performance with tutoring, full-day kindergarten, smaller classes. Restore funding for higher education and human services. Replace weak impact fee on gas drilling with reasonable drilling tax like other states. Use revenue to protect environment, help local communities with negative impacts, and provide funds for education and human services. Close Delaware Loophole so big corporations like Walmart pay fair share of taxes.

## 137th DISTRICT

In **Northampton County:** Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Nazareth, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown and Tatamy; Townships of Forks, Lower Mt. Bethel, Palmer, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth, and Washington.

Vote for one

**Republican**

## JOE EMRICK

Upper Nazareth Township

www.Joeemrick.com

**D.O.B.:** 1970

**EDUCATION:** 1989, Bangor High School; 1993, Lycoming College, B.A.; 1999, Kutztown, Masters of Education.

**OCCUPATION:** State representative, 137th Legislative District.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Serving my first term as state representative; township supervisor, 4 years, and board chairman, 2 years; N.C.R.C. Executive Committee, 4 years; high school Economics/American Government teacher, 18 years.

**RESPONSE:** Talking to the thousands of people I represent, their concerns are clear: job creation/economic growth, focusing the budget on priorities like education, and controlling spending. On each of these, my record is clear. I voted to make it easier for businesses to create jobs, closed a \$4 billion budget deficit through targeted spending cuts and stood up to Harrisburg politicians to fight for more state funding for our local schools.

**Democrat**

## JOSEPH CAPOZZOLO

Bangor

**D.O.B.:** 1963

**EDUCATION:** 1981, Pius X High School, Bangor; 1983, attended Moravian College, Bethlehem; currently enrolled at East Stroudsburg University.

**OCCUPATION:** Vice president of Wind-

jammer Inc., Bangor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Mayor, Bangor Borough, 2002-2010; Councilman, Northampton County Council, 2009; P.U.C. Consumer Advisory Council, Harrisburg, 2003-2009; chairman 2005-2006.

**RESPONSE:** The top two issues the state faces coincides with the third important issue locally in District 137. Jobs are the top priority. We can create jobs, statewide and locally, by addressing the second most important item, aging infrastructure. Our bridges, roads and underground utilities need immediate attention. These two issues can work together, by fixing our bridges and putting people to work. Third, we need to implement "Smart Growth" planning into our local zoning codes. This local growth control does not stop or inhibit development, but helps direct it to areas where infrastructure already exists. **Editor's Note:** Candidate's response was cut because it exceeded the word limit.

## 138th DISTRICT

In **Northampton County:** Boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Pen Argyl and Wind Gap; Townships of Bethlehem wards 1, 4 (division 2), Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore and Plainfield.

Vote for one

**Republican**

## MARSHA HAHN

Bath

No response

**Democrat**

## LESLIE ALTIERI

Bethlehem Township

www.LeslieAltieri.com

**D.O.B.:** 1980

**EDUCATION:** B.A., political science and sociology-criminal justice, Moravian College, 2002; William Tennent High School, 1998

**OCCUPATION:** Independent sales adviser, LiaSophia; previously juvenile detention officer/counselor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** President, Northampton County Council of Democratic Women; elected County Democratic Committee Woman and area Chair; 13 years of political campaign field organizing, management and volunteering.

**RESPONSE:** I am committed to making our neighborhoods a better place to live in and work. 1. Education: Investing in our children's future by restoring state funding to our public schools/universities. 2. Creating good paying JOBS: Rebuilding our crumbling roads, bridges and repairing our water/sewer systems. 3. Marcellus shale/environment: Enacting a fair tax on

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the natural gas drilling while making sure we are protecting our wildlife, water, soil and air quality when and where this is taking place.

## 183RD DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County**: Borough of Slatington; Townships of South Whitehall (districts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8), Washington and Whitehall (districts 1, 7, 10, 11, 12). In **Northampton County**: Boroughs of North Catasauqua, Northampton, Walnutport; Townships of Allen, Lehigh.

Vote for one

**Republican**

**JULIE HARHART**  
No response

**Democrat**

No candidates

## 187TH DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County**: Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Weisenberg, Upper Macungie (districts 1, 2, 3, 5). Parts of Berks County.

Vote for one

**Republican**

**GARY W. DAY**  
No response

**Democrat**

**JOSEPH M. HAAS**

Kutztown  
<http://haas2012.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1981

**EDUCATION:** B.A., political science, Kutztown University.

**OCCUPATION:** Director of user experience, Grassroots Unwired Inc.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Berks County Democratic committeeman (2010-present); extensive managerial experience on local, state, and national campaigns.

**RESPONSE:** None.

## LEHIGH COUNTY HANOVER TOWNSHIP BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall the Charter of Hanover Township be amended to increase the dollar amount of contracts and purchases requiring competitive bids to \$18,500, to establish a requirement to solicit multiple price quotes for certain contracts that are more than \$10,000 but not subject to competitive bidding, and to adjust such amounts annually by the consumer price

index?

Plain English Statement for Referendum to Amend Hanover Township Home Rule Charter

### Purpose:

The Charter of Hanover Township requires competitive bidding for certain contracts \$10,000 and higher. In accordance with recent similar changes to the First and Second Class Township and Borough Codes, this amendment would raise that amount to \$18,500. Further, it requires the Township to establish a system to solicit and retain multiple price quotes for certain contracts more than \$10,000 that are not subject to competitive bidding. The amendment would provide for the foregoing dollar amounts to be adjusted annually by the consumer price index through a procedure to be established by the Township Council or by the adoption of such adjustments established and published by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### Limitations:

The amendment seeks to raise competitive bidding limitations for certain contracts \$10,000 and higher in line with new State laws. The system to solicit and retain multiple price quotes for certain contracts more than \$10,000 that are not subject to competitive bidding is also limited in the same way as provided in the new State laws.

### Effects:

The Charter amendment brings the Charter requirements for certain competitive bidding contracts \$10,000 and higher in line with State law. However, the amendment would provide for the dollar amount limitations to be adjusted annually by the consumer price index either through a procedure to be established by the Township Council or by adopting the adjustments established and published by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the new State laws.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ALLEN TOWNSHIP REFERENDUM

Do you favor the imposition, by Allen Township, of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.25% (one quarter of one percent) on an annual basis, for a five (5) year period beginning January 1, 2013, to be used for financing the acquisition, preservation, and conservation of open space; for the purpose of acquiring agricultural conservation and forest easements; for the purpose of protecting and preserving recreation or historic lands; for the purpose of protecting and conserving natural and scenic resources, and for the purpose of paying the attendant costs associated with such actions.

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